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WORKERS! Rally To Keep Your Party On The Ballot!

The San Francisco Grand Jury and the police have carefully timed the indictment of Communist signature collectors to fall during the Legion convention.

The lynch hysteria developed by the Hearst papers was only part of the plan schemed jointly with the police department.

The California fascists know that their effort to illegalize our Party is very difficult if we are permitted to remain on the ballot. Furthermore, they have met their first major defeat in the attempt to frame our active comrades on vagrancy charges. Louise Todd and Ida Rothstein were acquitted. Hundreds of our most active comrades have been involved in the collection of signatures. THIS GIVES THEM ADDITIONAL EXCUSE TO RENEW THE HUNT FOR COMMUNISTS ON THE PRETENSE THAT THERE WAS FRAUD IN THE COLLECTION OF NAMES.

The eight indicted are of the most active comrades in San Francisco. They want to imprison them.

Workers! Farmers! This serves as an example to show you how much democracy in the U. S. means to workers. The bosses refuse to permit the Party of the workers to reach even first base—from even going on the ballot. For the presidential elections of 1932, the Party collected more than twice the necessary number of signatures. THANKS TO THE ADVICE OF CAMERON KING, THE "SOCIALIST" FLUNKY IN THE SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL, A TECHNICAL FLAW WAS CONCOCTED AND THE PARTY WAS RULED OFF THE BALLOT.

This time again more than twice the number of names necessary was collected. The registrars tried hard to disqualify many names. After eliminating more than half, enough still remained to place the Party on the ballot. The Party was declared on the ballot. Sample ballots have, in fact, already been printed in all counties including San Francisco. But all this does not matter to the fascists, who realize that they must find some kind of "legal" basis for continuing the drive against our Party.

This scheme has been the work of a flock of police agents, newspapermen and politicians, in the pay of the shipowners and Chamber of Commerce—who are determined to smash our Party. WHY DIDN'T THEY ISSUE THE INDICTMENTS MORE THAN TWO MONTHS AGO WHEN REGISTRAR COLLINS FIRST CHARGED THERE WAS FRAUD?

THAT WAS TOO EARLY. THEY FIRST HAD TO PREPARE THE GROUND WITH A LYNCH ATMOSPHERE AGAINST COMMUNISTS—TO INTIMIDATE SIGNATURE SIGNERS—TO FIND PEOPLE WHO WILL SAY THEY DIDN'T SIGN.

THE PARTY DEPENDS UPON ONLY ONE FORCE TO KEEP IT ON THE BALLOT—THE MASS PROTEST OF ALL THOSE WHO WOULD KEEP FASCISM OUT OF CALIFORNIA!

IF YOU SHOW THEM THAT THE MASSES ARE NOT FALLING FOR THEIR BLUFF THEY WILL HESITATE BEFORE THEY TAKE US OFF.

On The National Strike Front

L. A. Demonstration To Demand Jobless Leaders Be Freed

I. L. D. APPEALS McSHANN, HENDRICKS, SANDERS FRAME-UPS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16.—Demanding freedom for convicted demonstrators of June 1st, the Relief Workers' Protective Union and the International Labor Defense have issued a general call for a mass demonstration at the Plaza at noon Saturday, Aug. 18.

The 2-year sentences handed out to Harold Hendricks and John Sanders, and the 1-year-and-325-day sentence to James McShann by the former "Times" attorney, Judge Cram, are the most vicious sentences handed out in recent Los Angeles labor history. Coupled with the renewed police brutality at the Hollywood street meeting Friday night, the fascist attack on Attorney Grover Johnson who defended the June first demonstrators and numerous maritime strikers, the sentences are the signal for incensed persecution of workers in Los Angeles.

Against this persecution all workers and workers' organizations are called to launch a militant counter-offensive.

Earle Tennyson, fourth defendant in the June first case, is serving his maximum sentence of 90 days for disturbing the peace. Appeal action is being sought for McShann, Hendricks and Sanders. The three are still in jail with bail set at the outrageous figures of \$5,000 each for McShann and Hendricks and \$4,500 for Sanders.

Rats At \$10 A Skin At CCC Camps

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16.—Boys are being paid \$10 a month extra in the C.C.C. camps for spying on their fellows, one such spy unwittingly admitted to a member of the Young Communist League here today. The spy is Eugene Bryan, 2422 Pomeroy street, Los Angeles, who is being sent to one of the camps.

Todd, Rothstein Win Trial; Elaine Black Convicted

Win Vagrancy Case.

TO APPEAL FRAME-UP OF I. L. D. SECRETARY; WAS GIVEN SIX MONTHS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—All the efforts of Prosecutor Gillette failed to get a frame-up conviction of vagrancy on Louise Todd and Ida Rothstein, when a jury of eight men and eight women yesterday brought in a verdict of "not guilty." Leo Gallagher, candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, defended the two workers.

With the anti-race hysteria being whipped up by the reactionary machine in the American Legion convention and the capitalist press as a background, the case was too obviously a frame-up and the jury disregarded Gillette's plea that work in the revolutionary working class organizations was not a legal occupation and after four hours' deliberation freed the defendants. The trial had lasted four days, and Judge Metcalf, aware of the rising mass support to the workers' fight, instructed



Elaine Black.

the jury that political beliefs had nothing to do with the charges. Gillette's previous cases, including the conviction of Harry Jackson, West Coast organizer of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, had been won purely on the basis of the fascist terrorism and the contention that work in such organizations was not legal. He openly admitted the men were tried less as vagrants than as Communists.

Louise Todd, State Communist Election Campaign manager, proved that she worked regularly at her office, while Ida Rothstein proved that she had worked as waitress continually for the nine months previous to the general strike, and only quit then in solidarity with the other workers backing the marine workers' strike. During the trial workers packed the courtroom daily, and the victory won is one of the most important in recent trials.

★ **Elaine Black Convicted.** In Judge Ames' court, Elaine Black, district organizer of the International Labor Defense, was today railroaded to six months in jail on charges of vagrancy when a jury found her guilty. Comrade (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3.)

PARTY FIGHTS TO STAY ON BALLOT; VAG CASE WON

Western Worker Sues Police For \$3000 Damages In Free Press Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—As we go to press, suit has been filed against Police Chief Quinn, Capt. O'Meara, head of the Red Squad, and nine "John Does" of the police department for the destruction of the headquarters of the Western Worker at 37 Grove street during the raids carried out against workers' halls and homes beginning July 17th.

The suit, filed by Joan Murphy, demands damages for \$3,032.50 listing among the equipment and furniture destroyed by the raid, seven desks, six typewriters, seven tables, 222 chairs used in the upstairs hall, literature in the Workers Bookstore, electrical equipment, files of the Western Worker, cuts and other property and equipment of the paper.

The action demands as well an injunction against police interference in the reopening of the offices and the resumption of publishing of the Western Worker from those offices.

Together with the \$3,000 suit for damages in the wrecking of the Workers' Center at 1223 Fillmore, and the \$500 suit brought by Marine Workers' Industrial Union for the smashing of their headquarters at 65 Jackson street, the action is a spearhead in the fight for free speech, free press and assembly for the working class, rights which the police, Industrial Association and the committee organized by American Legion reactionaries are trying to suppress.

Action in a capitalist court, however, can not alone win this struggle. It is but one of the rallying points of a mass fight which must be carried on in increasing strength by the working class throughout the West who are determined that their paper, their halls, their right to organize and fight for better conditions can not be taken away.

150 STEVEDORES STRIKE WHEN 2 FIRED ON DOCK

ATTEMPTS OF BOSSES TO GET RID OF MILITANTS MEETS OPPOSITION

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—The vicious campaign of the shipowners to weed out all militant rank and file leaders among the longshoremen on the docks is being met with splendid solidarity and resistance. Yesterday at Pier 39 more than 150 stevedores walked off the dock in a three-hour fight because two of their comrades had been fired and only went back when Lewis and other officials of the I. L. A. ordered them to go back, fearful that the bosses did not like it.

In the meantime a constant stream of longshoremen from the I. L. A. have been going to the offices of the National Longshoremen's Board giving evidence in the preliminary investigation as to the wages, working conditions and the increased cost of living, prior to the arbitration discussions. Following the taking of evidence here, similar action will take place in Portland, Los Angeles, Seattle and other ports. The delays continue as was done in the original mediation before the strike was called, in an effort to wear down the militancy of the men and enable the board to blather try to maneuver.

The militancy of the rank and file, however, is strong as ever, and the approaching nominations for new officers will and a strong slate of militants who proved their leadership in the strike, opposing the old Lewis gang. The nominations will be made at the next meeting of the I. L. A., Monday evening at the Building Trades Temple.

600 Poisoned at L.A. County Farm On Rotten Meat

300 SICK, THEN REST OF MEAT FED 300 MORE NEXT DAY AS THE BOSSES GRAFT

HONOLULU, Calif., Aug. 16.—Six hundred patients in the County Farm here—poitely known as Rancho de los Amigos—were given a severe attack of dysentery here last week.

Brush, a Rotary Club friend and political appointee of Superintendent William R. Harriman fed the men in two of the wards mislabeled meat on Sunday, Aug. 5. Three hundred of them immediately got dysentery. Not content with this, he served the same meat in another ward next day chopped up with noodles. Three hundred more immediately became ill. A health doctor from the county "investigated" said the germ must have been brought in by a human carrier, so try to whitewash the matter and cover up the graft.

Six weeks ago 80 patients were poisoned by infected meat loaf served here. Most of the food served here is hardly fit for dogs to eat.

Harriman gets \$16,000 a year from the county along with a fine house and upkeep for himself and family. He has another graft. He is postmaster at Honolulu, gets besides his own salary a postmaster allowance for his wife. Instead of paying this out he uses patients at the farm, who get only two or three dollars a month from the county to do the work, and poisonous food.

Anita Whitney, 9 Others Charged By Grand Jury

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—"These bosses' servants have thrown down the gauntlet of war and we are ready to take it up. This indictment move to nullify the will of more than a score of thousand of voters of California by trying to take the Communist Party off the ballot is a sequence to the raids, beatings, arrests and railroadings to prison of workers in the past few weeks," declared Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for State Controller when informed that the San Francisco Grand Jury had last night indicted her.

The San Francisco police purposely waited until a red scare would be whipped up to a white heat before making the indictments. The charges were first made nine weeks ago, but since then the time was taken to find people who would be frame-up witnesses.

The indictment, together with others against Louise Todd, Helen Morris, Fred Deuer, Joseph Kahn, Albert Segal, Florence Stadler, and Esther Goodman, charged perjury, on police claims of making of false affidavits in the collection of signatures. Two others were returned against workers as yet unnamed.

Conviction on perjury charges carries a sentence of from one to fourteen years in San Quentin, and its use is a vicious attempt to frame-up leaders in the working class struggles by a means other than the criminal syndicalism. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 5.)

21,000 on Workers Petition To Oust Seattle Mayor

MOVE GROWS TO RECALL SMITH FOR ATTACK ON STRIKERS

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 15.—Bearing more than 21,000 signatures collected by the Seattle Law and Order League, a preliminary petition for the recall of Mayor Charles Smith was filed here today. The movement against Smith is led by the militant workers of the city and is finding increasing support; it is a direct result of the vicious attack he led against the marine strikers three weeks ago.

Smith at that time, after publicly declaring that his chief of police was not protecting the shipowners and their strikebreakers sufficiently well, dismissed him from active duty on the front and personally took charge in an effort with his full force to open the port for the bosses.

The first attempt to move cargo was beaten by hundreds of pickets and the next day Smith personally led a brutal police attack on the strikers, in which hundreds were gassed and scores injured.

RUSH FUNDS

If you have cash or property which can be loaned for bail, communicate with us at once.

Emergency Com. for Defense of Workers Civil Rights

1005 Market St., Room 409 San Francisco and to: OAKLAND EMERGENCY DEFENSE COMMITTEE 1629 Telegraph Ave.

Emma Cutler in L. A. To Appeal Frame-Up Conviction

I. L. D. SECRETARY LEAVES EL CENTRO JAIL FOR WRIT HEARING; DENY 4 OTHERS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14.—Emma Cutler, one of the victims of fascist courts in Imperial Valley, arrived in Los Angeles today after being released on \$1000 bail pending her hearing for a writ of habeas corpus.

This hearing will be held before the 4th District Court of Appeals Tuesday, August 21 in San Diego. At the same time it is expected that a writ hearing will be granted to old Mike Gutierrez Jr., one of those serving a sentence on the chain gang. Hearings for four others on the chain gang were denied, although they were tried on the same framed evidence and with the same unconstitutional court procedure.

Emma Cutler was arrested for vagrancy with G. A. Hoffman and Clarence Lynch, I.L.D. attorney from Arizona, three hours after she arrived in Imperial Valley. She was recognized as an I.L.D. organizer during the terror in the Valley in 1930. Lynch was acquitted after 35 days awaiting trial; Hoffman was given a suspended sentence after 39 days awaiting trial.

★ **Served Three Months Already.**

Emma Cutler was sentenced to three months in the Los Angeles Red Hynes of the Los Angeles Red Squad, after three passages of defense witnesses had been denied and evidence suppressed. Three months of this obviously illegal sentence have already been served before she was now granted a writ hearing. During this time she was mistreated along with other workers in El Centro county jail, and suffered from dysentery as a result of the rotten food.

Mike Gutierrez Jr., was sentenced to four months for vagrancy by the Brawley judge, Griffin, who denied him legal defense, jury trial, defense witnesses and the privilege of a specific allegation in the charge of vagrancy. Four other Mexican workers now in the chain-gang were given the same treatment, although Mike, Jr., was the only one to be granted a hearing.

Workers of San Diego are called to pack the courtroom August 21st.

17 INDICTED IN SACRAMENTO ON C. S. FRAME-UP

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 16.—In the worst attack on the militant working class in Sacramento labor history, seventeen of the twenty-four workers now on trial for vagrancy were indicted yesterday by the Grand Jury on criminal syndicalism charges. Warrants are to be issued immediately. Each of the indictments are for six counts, and each count carries a penalty of one to four years—a maximum of 84 years each!

Those indicted are Pat Chambers, organizer of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union and Communist Party candidate for U. S. Senator; Carloline Decker, secretary of the C. & A. W. I. U.; Albert Hougard, Sacramento Section Communist Party organizer; Martin Wilson, organizer of the International Labor Defense; Jack Warrick, Lorine Norman, Norman Mick, Jack Crane, Fred Kirkwood. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7.)

DARCY ELECTION OFFICES OPENED IN S. F., SACTO.

LEO GALLAGHER RADIO BROADCAST SUNDAY NIGHT ON "KJB"

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—The first "Darcy For Governor" headquarters has opened, at 1609 O'Farrell street, in the Fillmore Section, and no sooner had this been announced than other sections reported that plans are under way for immediate opening of centers for the election campaign.

But the best activity is going on in Sacramento, where despite the attempts to railroad the Party underground by framing criminal syndicalism charges against seventeen of the working class leaders there, the city is being plastered with 10,000 stickers calling on the workers to vote for the local candidates—Nora Conklin for Supervisor, John Funkner for Sheriff, Lincoln Gramenz for Auditor, Albert Hougard for U. S. Congressman, Pat Chambers for U. S. Senator and the other state candidates. "Darcy For Governor" headquarters have been opened at 1529 Eighth street, where Party platforms are being given out and the support of the workers is growing increasingly evident by the number rallying around to help the campaign.

On the main street, Leo Gallagher headquarters have been opened at 1019 J street. A big mass meeting at which this candidate for Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court will speak will be held in the Elks Hall, 824 J street, Sunday night, Aug. 19. At 7 p. m. the same night Gallagher will be heard over a broadcast from radio KJB, in which he will expose the meaning of the present fascist wave.

★ **Vote For Gallagher.**

With the primary election on August 28th drawing near, activity for Gallagher is increasing, as a big vote for him at that time is necessary for him to run in the final election. Only the top two of the three candidates in this race will be eligible. The campaign headquarters in San Francisco report a large list of interest. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3.)

MCVE TO STOP RELIEF TO S. F. MILITANTS FAILS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—Workers will not be discriminated against for their political opinions, by relief agencies.

This was the decision of the Citizens' Emergency Relief Committee in reply to efforts of City Relief Director Chas. M. Wollenberg to have Communists removed from relief rolls in response to demands from the San Francisco Industrial Association, the American Legion and other fascist groups.

Wollenberg read a document assertedly issued by the Communists calling on members to enroll for relief as a means of getting the government to support their radical activities and as a protection against arrest on vagrancy charges. The document was such an obvious forgery that it failed to deceive even members of the committee. Wollenberg stated the document was issued by the "Communist Committee," an obvious fraud, as no one ever heard of such organization. Wollenberg declared that many "persons" were protesting against known Communists being supported on the relief rolls. He failed to take into consideration the wave of mass protest against fascist violence and suppression that flooded the City Hall, police station and relief offices following the lawless raids on workers' organizations and the open threat that Communists would be stricken from relief.

The stand taken by Mrs. E. F. Treadwell against Wollenberg was supported by A. D. Greenleigh, director of the S.E.R.A. in San Francisco.

Archie Brown, Party Candidate for State Treasurer, Freed

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15.—Archie Brown, Young Communist candidate for State Treasurer, released from the city jail on Thursday, will speak at the Leo Gallagher mass meeting Friday night.

Brown completed his 90-day sentence for "disturbing" the peace.

Fascists Rule S. F. Legion Convention

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—The California department of the American Legion has just ended one of the most reactionary conventions in its history, taking a long stride towards becoming America's Storm Troopers.

Nevertheless, it is this very fascist steamroller which has aroused an indignation among even these elements, and in all likelihood if the convention had lasted another day or two, the machine would not carry most of its plans. The vote for department commander, the last on the order of business, was the closest in the history of the department. Closson, a ranch owner of Lodi, was elected by 1639 to 918 for Quinn, an Eureka attorney. Although Quinn was only taking advantage of the anti-machine sentiment to get the well-paid office, from the very outset of the convention he campaigned against the Chailaux dictatorship, particularly because he and the rest of the controlling clique placed large strike-breaking ads in the newspaper during the General Strike. His backing came from many posts which protested these

advertisements. Considering that Closson was sponsored by the machine, among whom is Frank Belgrano of the Bank of America, now being pushed for California's candidate as national commander, the close vote showed the machine is cracking.

★ **Newspapers Play Role.**

The least newspapers in particular have again engineered a drive which bore all the earmarks of the one during the General Strike. For days in advance they worked up a fever against Communism, determined to make the convention a demonstration to drown out the echoes of the General Strike.

But despite the momentum worked up, two resolutions planned by the machine did not carry. One called for a death penalty to Communists, whose work would be regarded as treason; the other was a slam at the Red hysteria very useful at this time. Also because it helped to cover up matters which could turn out into a scandal, if given for discussion. The passage of all the resolutions was, therefore, made. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 6.)

to Perkins for a wire which would explain that there are no arrangements with the Soviet Union which would make deportation of Russians possible, and that such are being attempted now. From the fuss at the Legion convention one would think that, were it possible, there would be no Communists left here. BUT IT TURNS OUT THAT THERE ARE ONLY 88 IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY FOR WHOM THE LABOR DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO ARRANGE DEPORTATION.

That all was not well for the administration is clear from the fact that the over 50 resolutions protesting the strike-breaking ads were not even brought on the floor.

Before the convention was over it likewise became apparent that the administration found the anti-Red hysteria very useful at this time. Also because it helped to cover up matters which could turn out into a scandal, if given for discussion. The passage of all the resolutions was, therefore, made. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 6.)

Delegate Boasts Legion Conducted Raids on Quarters

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—When confronted with the charge that the Legion organized thugs to smash workers' headquarters and raid homes during the General Strike, the Legion denied it. But now comes James J. Broz of the Southern Pacific post, in San Francisco and openly boasts before the state convention that the Legion conducted the raids. He stated, as reported in the August 15 Examiner:

"When Communism enters labor disputes we are going after it strong. I don't think I am violating confidence when I say that we took care of the Communists in the raids we staged. We routed Harry Jackson and his friends in speedy fashion." The newspaper circulated lies, during the strike, that teamsters and I.L.A. men took part in the

East of the Rockies

National Fight Against Unemployment.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—With more than 15 million unemployed facing the worst winter of the crisis, the National Unemployment Council of the U.S.A. has called for the formation of a National Arrangements Committee to co-ordinate the struggle for adequate relief and unemployment insurance. All workers' organizations are urged to select representatives and communicate with the National Unemployment Council, 80 E. 11th street, New York City.

Relief Crisis From \$5,000,000,000 Drouth.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Impending food shortages and steeply rising prices follow on the heels of a drouth destroying five billion dollars in crops. To meet this damage, the Relief Administration has only \$275,000,000. The stricken area, amounting to 60 per cent of the area of the U. S., is inhabited by 27 million people. Practically all reserve stocks have been completely wiped out. The entire winter feed for livestock has been destroyed. Thousands of cattle have been slaughtered and thousands more will be slaughtered in the coming months, the finest herds in the country being threatened with extinction.

Workers Strike Against S. P. Mayor.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 16.—Refusal of Socialist Mayor Jasper McLevy to take action against drastic relief cuts caused 2,000 relief workers to march off their jobs and gather in a demonstration before the City Hall to present their demands. Mayor McLevy informed the delegation that his hands were tied and he was incapable of doing anything. This is a strong exposure of the misleadership of the Socialist Party in calling for the workers to abandon their struggle and seek justice through the ballot boxes. Disgusted with the impotency of McLevy, the workers promptly voted to strike on all city relief jobs. Under the direction of the Socialist mayor, relief in Bridgeport degenerated to a forced labor scheme whereby the workers were paid in miserable baskets of groceries.

Mass Lay-offs In Detroit.

DETROIT, Aug. 16.—The entire night shift of the Briggs Mack Avenue plant, involving about 4,000 workers, was recently laid off here. It is reported that the Briggs Highland Park plant will soon shut down completely. The third shift of the Plymouth plant (2,000 workers) has been laid off. The Termostadt plant, a subsidiary of the General Motors, is expected to shut down any day. This will throw 3,000 workers out of jobs. Eight thousand were laid off at this shop in the month of June. Only about 2,000 of the normal 18,000 are now employed at the Hudson plants, and most of these are only working two or three days a week. The Ford plant will shut down completely for two weeks on August 26th. More than two-thirds of all auto workers have been laid off and the vast majority of the rest are only working two or three days per week. In spite of this, production has only fallen off very slightly, owing to tremendous speed-ups. Unlike in the Soviet Union, these workers are not protected by unemployment insurance, and face destitution or a miserly pittance of relief. Whilst the standard of living for the workers drops to new low levels, the profits of the owners and dividend payments have soared high above previous years.

Coal Industry Payroll Now Half of 1929.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Coal production in the U. S. has dropped below the 1933 output. Employment averages about 72 per cent of 1933 and wages have dropped to an average of about 50 per cent.

WHY THE S. F. HUNGER STRIKE

(By One of the 21 Strikers.)

We declared our hunger strike against the excessive \$1,000 bail placed against all of us on vagrancy charges, to get bail reduced to \$250 or less. But in it we proved Communists are Communists, whether in jail or out—that we never cease our struggle against the bosses and their system of starvation and terror—that our conditions and circumstances may change, but that we always remain militant fighters for the rights of the working class. Was our eight-day strike a success? We feel that it was—because it brought one fact sharply before the workers and progressive-minded people of California and the nation. Our strike brought out clearly that the courts of San Francisco and of California, from the municipal courts, through the superior and appellate courts, are the rotten and servile slaves of the fascists who have conducted the series of raids on the Communist Party and the militant unions. This issue was brought before the workers so clearly that even the San Francisco News, always alert to the pulse of "liberal" bourgeois opinion, was forced to point out that we were being victimized by California's fascists.

The press started out with ridicule—faked-up stories about comrades losing five pounds when they were "forced" to take a bath, lies about lemon drops. By the end of the week, public sentiment was behind us to such an extent that not only the S. F. News but the more openly vicious San Francisco Call was forced to print the I.L.D.'s statement on our calling of the strike.

* Won Concessions.

Before our hunger strike was declared we had, by organization and mass pressure, already won many of our demands for better conditions. We forced the jail to serve us brown bread instead of white—we forced them to serve us prunes once a week, to increase the number of blankets which they gave to us, to put benches in our tank, to improve the quality of food, and to give us hot water and towels for showers. In jail, as out of jail, organized mass pressure proved to be the only way for workers to improve their conditions.

But when our hunger strike was declared, the effect of mass pressure inside the jail became even more noticeable. The number of towels we were allowed was increased. The hot shower was left running for four hours daily as a result of our demand for baths regularly. We forced them to leave our cells open for us all day long, and to leave our blankets with us. Lieutenant Boland became so frantic that he even telegraphed to Chicago to figure out some way of getting us out of the jail because of the support gathering behind our strike.

It was not necessary for us to starve to death to expose the servility of the courts to the workers of San Francisco. But there was not one of the 21 who would not willingly have done it. Our strike was called off because we had demonstrated our power. The mass pressure which was mobilized in our support must be promptly turned to the support of the class-war prisoners as they appear before these judges.

Freed, Dunbar Face Frame-Up in Free Speech Fight

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13.—Emil Freed and Dunbar were arrested in Division 7, Municipal Court, this morning on charges growing out of the ruthless police attack on an election campaign street meeting in Hollywood Saturday night.

Dunbar, who was chairman of the meeting, is still in jail for \$50 bail pending trial September 10. He is badly injured, police twice beating him until unconscious. He was charged with disturbing the peace, speaking without a permit, and resisting an officer.

Emil Freed, election campaign manager of the Communist Party in Los Angeles, was charged with "blocking the sidewalk" and released on \$50 bail pending trial September 10.

Others arrested were released Saturday night.

Arthur Brisbane, Hearst's biggest gun in the daily barrage of poison gas, in referring to the anti-Communist drive, is very much puzzled. The puzzle in his mind, however, disturbs the minds of all capitalists, for whom he speaks. He says in Monday's column:

It is generally understood that the "Reds" are wicked, seeking to destroy our practically perfect form of government, and divide up all the money.

Nevertheless, you almost feel sorry for them, reading about the "drive" planned against them.

Michael F. Shannon, "grand exalted ruler" of the benevolent and protective order of Elks, says "the issue is between the Stars and Stripes and the Red flag." Love of country and flag is the Elks' specialty, and the grand exalted ruler will let loose 500,000 Elks against the "Reds."

Then there are the war veterans, all against Communism, determined that those Reds shall not tear down what the veterans have preserved. And the Knights of Columbus, as well as organized, as determined body as there is on earth, and most intelligently led, are against the Reds. There are also the Baptists, Methodists, Christian Scientists, Seventh Day Adventists, all anti-Communist, not forgetting the capitalist that this golden line around the corner of Broad and Wall streets, New York, small in numbers, but fierce in their resolve to hang on to what they have left.

How the Reds survive at all, how they can be such a menace to flag and country in the face of such odds is the puzzle. There must be able men among them.

THERE MUST BE ABLE MEN AMONG THEM. That is true. It's a matter of common knowledge that the struggle against oppression brings to the fore the very people who lead society forward. The Soviet Union has given the finest example

Discontent Grows in Hawaii Garrison

Garbutt Food Clubs Are Champions In Chiselling

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16.—Frank A. Garbutt, owner of the seven clubs affiliated with the Los Angeles Athletic Club, has made chiselling on employees a fine art.

Workers in the club and hotel trade are given meals as part of their meager pay. Garbutt repays that sales tax he deducted from the cash part of the salary. Several of us who work for these Garbutt Clubs figured out that he takes \$2000 a year from his employees in this way.

Workers Correspondent.

15 Workers Still Held in Portland Jail; 3 On C. S.

BAIL AS HIGH AS \$3,000; OLSON, CLUSTER, DeJONGE RE-ARRESTED AFTER BAIL

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11.—Of the more than forty workers arrested during the Portland "red" raids, fifteen are still in the county jail, fifteen of whom are held under \$2,000 bond. Ten were released following the preliminary hearing, fifteen bound over to the grand jury on \$25 bond each and the rest bound over to the grand jury under bonds of from \$250 to \$3,000. Louis Olson, Section organizer of the Communist Party, is out on \$3,000 bonds.

Re-arrested on C. S.

Three workers, out on bond, have been re-arrested on the same charge. Earl Stewart, arrested during the raid on the headquarters of the Communist Party and charged with criminal syndicalism, was released on \$1,000 bond. After speaking to an audience of workers concerning this arrest, he was re-arrested on charges of criminal syndicalism and is waiting release in lieu of \$2,000 bond. The judge has refused to apply the bond, already raised when Stewart was released on \$1,000, to the new bond. Dirk De Jonge and Don Cluster, Section Organizers of the Young Communist League, were also re-arrested while out on bond and are also charged twice with criminal syndicalism.

Protests should be sent to Judge Long, Municipal Court, Portland, Oregon, protesting the high bail set by him upon Dirk De Jonge, Earl Stewart, Don Cluster and Edward Denny.

Foreign-born workers are being arrested in their homes and held for the Immigration Department. Send protests to Officer Norene, Immigration Department, Portland, Oregon, demanding that he release all foreign-born workers being held by him pending deportation proceedings.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

When the Matson liner MARIPOSA arrived in San Francisco with a full crew of scabs, plenty of ex-strikers were on hand looking for work. They gave the scabs just the reception they deserved. Those who were not beaten took to their heels and were not apt to show up again very soon. The notorious A. F. of L. fakers, Silver, of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, was on the scene and tried to halt the militant action of the men, saying, "This will queer our union with the Matson line." He was forced to make tracks away from them when the men threatened to give him the same treatment as the scabs. They know from long experience that the way to win demands is not by toadying meekly to their bosses.

The American Hawaiian S. S. Co. is refusing to live up to arbitration agreements and is again hiring men through the old Pink Hall. This move was started under the pretense of sending men to Fink Hall for medical examination. This broke ground for the resumption of hiring through this agency. It is easy for the bosses to exercise discrimination in this manner by arranging to have the doctor dis-

qualify any man they please. Ex-strikers are making militant attempts to halt this practice and should be supported by every worker on the waterfront.

THE MARINE WORKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION calls for all workers and organizations to send protests to Chief of Police Quinn, Hall of Justice, San Francisco, against the illegal suppression of the union, against police interference with the re-opening of their hall, and against the railroad of union leaders on charges of "vagrancy." The M. W. U., a rank and file union, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League, represents organization by industry, which is to the advantage of the workers, as opposed to organization by craft, which is advantageous to the bosses.

It provided one of the strongest weapons to the workers during the strike and was the first to call upon other unions to strike in sympathy with the longshoremen. These are the reasons why the bosses wish to suppress it by violence and police frame-ups.

(NOTICE: Workers and organizations in all West Coast Ports, write in about your struggles, for this column.)

Officials Split Portland Strike of Teamsters

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 16.—The 400 striking teamsters returned to work yesterday, ending their two-day strike. The walk-out had been for a wage increase which amounted to about \$1 a day. When the strike was called only the 400 out of a union of approximately 1,000 members went out. A. F. of L. officials keeping the remainder at work. This maneuver of splitting the strike was part of the plan to force the men to accept arbitration.

Chas. Hope, secretary of the Federal Regional Labor Board, has been made mediator preparatory to the sell-out settlement.

Hoquiam Bosses Fear To Give Figures On Wash. Unemployment

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 15.—Using as a stall the claim that many elements antagonistic to the present system of society use such information to "bring about discontent," the local Federal Re-employment Service at Hoquiam refuses to make public the number of unemployed in put to work, number on relief, and such other vital statistics.

The refusal was given to the Grays Harbor Section of the Communist Party when the latter sent representatives to the office for such information for use in the county, how many have been

YOUNG COMMUNISTS CALL YOUTH DAY MEETS SOON

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17.—Young communists in Los Angeles are issuing a call to all youth organizations for a mass demonstration at the Plaza at 2 p. m. September 1, International Youth Day.

The demonstration will be based on youth demands on immediate issues: against poor pay and bad conditions in the military C.C.C. camps, against all forced labor, for the freedom of class war prisoners and for the mobilization of youth to beat back fascism.

Sectional preparations for the demonstration will include a South side youth meeting at the Good-year plant gate, followed by a rally at 1315 S. San Pedro Street, Friday evening, Aug. 24. Lollie Dobbs, youth candidate for supervisor, will speak at the rally.

Arrangements for a two-day outing following the Sept. 1st demonstration are being arranged in conjunction with the election campaign committee.

International Youth Day is the anniversary of the founding of the Berne Conference under the direction of Karl Liebknecht in 1915. This conference was the nucleus for the Young Communist International founded in 1919 under Lenin's leadership.

Its county election platform. The refusal was undoubtedly based on the dread of making public the alarming rate of increase of unemployment locally.

Roosevelt Review In Islands Shows Officers' Panic

HONOLULU, T. H.—On July 26 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, 15,000 soldiers and 800 officers paraded in the largest peace time review ever given a president of the United States.

At this parade, the growing discontent was marked—by the fear the officers held for Roosevelt's life.

The soldiers were called to formation around 12:30 p. m. and unexpectedly told that orders had been given to personally search each individual for ammunition. Officers then inspected rifles and pockets of each soldier before leaving the point of assembly. The fear of assassination was so great that some outfits were searched as many as five times before they were allowed to pass in review.

The 35th Infantry and 3rd Engineers were given a final humiliating inspection on the parade field in front of 30,000 spectators.

Ammunition was taken away from sentries on post to prevent any possible leakage of it to the paraders.

These inspections only tended to arouse further suspicion of the soldiers to the policies and the strength of the government, and created a lasting discussion on the state of national affairs.

They don't even trust the army, was the remark heard simultaneously through the ranks. "Why are they so afraid?" new soldiers asked.

"He knows how we feel about the wage-cut he gave us," was the reply given. "This makes the fourth presidential review I have stood and I never was searched before. The country must be in a bad fix," said others, old-timers.

* Officers Fear Men.

The fear of the officers of their own soldiers measures the depth of the growing discontent and disrespect the soldier is developing for the present administration in particular and the government in general.

The drastic economic slashes of the living standards of the enlisted men under the Roosevelt Economy Act, reduction of privileges, intensification of discipline, increased fatigue duty and the late change in the soldier's retirement ruling lessening the rate of retirement compensation—these grievances have caused great dissatisfaction in the ranks. This has been further strengthened by the wave of strikes of the workers at home and the international disturbances in Cuba, Germany and Austria.

The sending of troops to break the strike has plainly shown the soldier the side the government takes in the class struggle. The German and Austrian situation has shown the workers and the news of the Dolfus assassination was received with glee by many soldiers, who, commenting on his attacks on workers' homes in Vienna, declared, "It serves him right."

The liberal distribution of working class literature within the barracks, the increased breaches of discipline and desertions, and the recruiting of men into the army experienced in class struggle again. He proudly marched off the train with the group today, carrying his 3-year-old son on his shoulders.

"The children received an enthusiastic reception here. Their plucked faces showed the hardships they had endured. They will be sent first to vacation camps, and then to schools as proteges of the Soviet Union."

And we can rest assured that these children will be trained to be the fighters for the working class we would like them to be.

There are some governments in the world which still call themselves Socialist. Denmark, for instance, with its "Socialist" premier, Branting. But the Shultz-bundlers, several hundred Social-Democrats, now in the U.S.S.R., say that one "Socialist" government is enough.

But if Bill Green would have his way about it, these children would starve to death, or be reared in the fascist "houses of correction." His latest piece of work, is to send a letter to Labor Councils, instructing them that an organization called the League to Aid the Victims of German and Austrian Fascism, is a Communist organization operating from Paris, and has the object of destroying the American trade unions. That some of their agents are traveling through the United States, and no money should be given them. This was read before the San Francisco Labor Council last Friday. But why doesn't he name some of these "Communist" agents?

That wouldn't be practical for Green. Here are some of them: Lord Marley, prominent leader in the British Labor Party; Bevan, Laborite, member of the English Labor Party; Kurt Rosencfeld, Social-Democrat, who was chief justice in Prussia, before Hitler took power. These are representative of most of the agents on that International Committee.

Green is very much worried that the A. F. of L. membership is really taking seriously the fight against fascism. He thought that the "Buy American" resolution adopted at last year's convention is sufficient.

"One Shultzbund refugee, making his way to Russia, boarded the children's train by chance, and was overjoyed to find his own family of three, whom he had thought he would never

Foreign News Briefs

War Danger Grows on Soviet-Manchukuo Border.

MOSCOW, Aug. 16.—The long negotiations between Russia and Japan over the sale of the Soviet interest in the Chinese Eastern Railroad became tense when Moscow rejected the latest Japanese proposal. Efforts of the Japanese imperialists to force a low price by a campaign of murder and sabotage along the right-of-way of the railroad has resulted in the past year in the killing of 40 persons including nine officials, the road, and the wounding of 102, the latest act of provocation being the arrest of more Soviet citizens by the Japanese. Japan is maneuvering with two objectives: either to force a sale at low price or prolong negotiations until she is ready to seize the line by force.

Growth of China Soviets Brings Intervention Threats.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Readiness of U. S., British and other foreign imperialist troops and warships to aid in the crushing of the Chinese Soviet Republic is evidenced in news dispatches from the Orient. Failure of the imperialist-financed Kuomintang troops of Chiang Kai-Shek to check the rapid advance of the workers' and farmers' government brings threat of foreign invasion against the victorious Red Army. Newspapers are already pressing a campaign of slander against the Chinese Communists to prepare the public for the murderous intervention. Lying comparisons are made between the workers' revolution in China, and the Boxer rebellion. The Chinese masses turn to the Soviets as their only means of liberation from misery and poverty.

Latest drives of the Red Army have brought them within three miles of the seacoast where foreign warships are concentrated. Huge forces of Chinese Nationalist troops are being rushed to Foochow to meet the advance of the Soviets.

Nazis Seek Markets in South America.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Aug. 16.—Seeking to bolster up her rapidly dwindling Latin American trade, Nazi Germany is exerting aggressive diplomatic and commercial efforts in South American countries. A commercial mission headed by Carl Kiep is touring the main cities trying to stimulate the purchase of German goods. During 1933 Germany's adverse trade balance with Latin America amounted to 100 million marks. Kiep is using this as a lever to force trade with the Nazis.

Capitalists of Great Britain and the U. S. have dominated trade in South America and their rivalry is expressed in the murderous Greco-Chinese war. In the past few years Japan has become an important competitor in the field. Germany's bid for a larger share in the loot will increase the friction between all powers.

Workers Revolt in Fascist Italy.

ZURICH, Aug. 16.—Workers in the town of Pratola, Pelnina, protested the excessive taxes of the Mussolini government by a mass demonstration in the streets. Police attacked the parade, killing eight, wounding more than forty and arresting 200. Several children were among those killed. Enraged by the attack, the workers stormed the City Hall, smashed the doors and wrecked several public buildings. Police and troops are surrounding the town.

gles (strikes, hunger marches, etc.) has laid the basis for these unprecedented precautions for the safety of the president.

Roosevelt's visit to Hawaii was merely another of the war preparations, a political maneuver to try to build up friendship in prospect of a war soon in the Pacific. His falsified speech on the high cultural level, clean homes and high living standards of the people of Hawaii was only so much war-bait. For he saw only the upper class settlement of Honolulu Heights and the plantation palaces. He didn't see the homes of the people at whose expense the palaces are built—homes without a single bedstead, stoves or furniture, where large families are crowded into one or two rooms, sleeping on the floor like animals. He missed the unsanitary shacks kept by the plantation workers at \$1 per 10-hour day, or even less. But the soldiers have seen them, and they can't forget them.

The rescue was timely to prevent the death of the fighters. Both were physically exhausted and ill from the indescribably rotten prison regime in Kabul (Afghanistan). From the date of their arrest they were doomed to slow and tortuous death at the hands of their jailers, and held in a cramped, muggy cell during the 13-month imprisonment. At no time were there any charges presented against them by the Afghan government, nor was there any hint that they may be brought to any sort of a trial.

In response to their numerous demands for the right to communicate with relatives and friends to receive food and clothing they were told, "You are not permitted to receive anything from outside—you will die like dogs that you are." No food was given them save half-baked bread and water. During the entire winter they lived and slept in filthy unheated, flimsy cells with but a thin cover for each despite the 15-degree frosts. The health of both fighters had soon broken down.

Both fighters are now eager to resume their places in the fighting ranks against British imperialism, and to aid the I.L.D. in its work of mobilization of toilers' solidarity to obtain the release of over 20,000 Indian workers and peasants who are languishing in the jails of British imperialism in India.

Snyder Acquitted On 2 Vag. Charges; Hung Jury on 3rd

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16.—A retrial of the disturbing the peace complaint against Fellow Worker Snyder of Belvedere will be held at the Belvedere Township court September 9.

Snyder was acquitted Friday on two counts of vagrancy, but the jury failed to agree on the remaining charge. The prosecutor, Myers, shouted "red" all through the trial. Grover Johnson, defending attorney, brought Harold Hendricks out of his cell at the city jail to testify.

The charge against Snyder grew out of the workers' protest at the eviction of Hendricks from his home. Hendricks, Communist Party candidate for supervisor, is now awaiting appeal on his 2-year sentence for participating in the June 1st demonstration.

World Protest Saves Gurmuk, Priviti Singh

WORKERS' DEMANDS WIN RELEASE OF TWO INDIAN REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—Word has just been received that another victory has been scored by the world proletariat in its fight to free the many victims of terror. Gurmuk Singh and Priviti Singh—two militant fighters in the ranks of the Indian revolutionists—were freed from the Afghanistan government jail on July 4.

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World Events and Western Workers

By George Morris

Survival of "Reds" Puzzles Brisbane — The Real Secret — Who Are the Inheritors of the Pioneer Spirit? — Bourgeoisie, a Degenerate, Cowardly Lot — Telephone Books Made Interesting — Austria Children Find a Home, Despite Bill Green.

of this Lenin, and now Comrade Stalin, only personify the mettle of the people, who have been hammered out of the struggle against tsarism and imperialism. The whole capitalist world looks bewildered at their achievements. They are as puzzled by the Soviet "magic" as a savage by electricity or a phonograph.

Or let's take an example closer home. Just so long as the people who built this country, or led its life, came from those who had to struggle to escape European tyrannies, domination by Southern landlords, or had to blast their way through the vast wild territory, THEY PLAYED A PROGRESSIVE ROLE. It is true they paved the way to the capitalist order in the U. S. But it meant progress, in comparison to the pre-Revolutionary War period. If people such as Franklin, Jefferson or Lincoln could only see the crimes now being committed in their names, they would regret not having committed suicide before they were old enough to become historic figures.

The fact is that it is the Communists who have inherited that spirit of self-sacrifice, determination, and courage which drove the pioneers of this country to go forward. Able leaders? True. But it is because this spirit permeates the entire membership of the militant workers' organizations, which makes it impossible for the tyrants of this day to smash the movement. Witness California, or our Party in the South.

For anyone who knows the historic facts, it is very revolting to see how the present-day politicians, and the worst would-be Hitler on each other in their efforts to ape and praise the pioneers of this country. But it's the meanest hypocrisy—an effort to find a cloak to cover a system of crooked political machines, rule by a small handful of corporations, graft, and oppression of the

states, we have a big crop of such trash. For instance, this kind of an element which is dominated at the Legion convention. That's why workers or delegates of small means who trickled through, found themselves out of place in the whole show—unless they are fools who think they are doing themselves good by trailing after some "big shot." They shouted themselves hoarse, for "Americanism" against "subversive views." But the truth is that the real Americans—if Americanism means what America's founders said it should be—are in the very Communist movement they denounced, and in the ranks awaiting trials on vagrancy and criminal syndicalism charges.

Our German Communist Party is taking advantage of Hitler's desire to put on a "confidence" show, with a general vote on August 19. Despite extreme terror it is taking leadership of the entire anti-Hitler movement, and is organizing a large vote against him.

Many in the U. S. who may wonder how the Party can conduct an election campaign under such circumstances, will get an idea from the following, which came through the capitalist newspaper reports.

As soon as the election was announced, pages of telephone books throughout Germany were found to have the following stamped upon them in bright red:

"Not one vote for that betrayer of the people and workers—Hitler! VOTE FOR THAELEMAN!"

Needless to say that as soon as this was discovered, a whole flock of Hitler guards were scattered over Berlin like cockroaches, to clean up the books from all the booths. But the Party's call broke through to thousands who have not even used the books.

The above is only an example to show how a Communist Party

SEEING RED!

By MICHAEL QUINN

A more bloodthirsty gang of hoodlums would be hard to imagine than the stampede of American Legionnaires that came belching into San Francisco for the convention.

We seemed to have been the main event on their program. They spent nearly all of three days passing resolutions for our extermination. What they would like to do to us makes the Czarist pogroms sound like Sunday school picnics. They want to hang us, torture us, mutilate us, put us in a cage in Alaska, dump us out on islands—anything to keep us from leading the workers in a struggle for a decent life.

We are supposed to be a menace to peace. We are supposed to advocate violence.

When the Legion comes to town, hotels and stores take out special riot insurance. Their first demands at the conference were for a bigger army and a bigger navy. They want all sorts of legislation to legalize their present campaign of lawless violence against the workers. Among other things they want to photograph, fingerprint and register the entire population of the country. They don't trust anybody—even themselves, judging by the stink over the misuse of Child Welfare funds.

The Imperial Valley division marched up Market street with a "Bolshevik" at the end of a lynching rope. He wore a false beard and was painted up to look like a "foreigner."

The Imperial Valley jails are filled right now with young American workers who demanded a living wage.

All reds are supposed to be "foreigners" and all Legionnaires 100 per cent guaranteed Americans.

But you can't be too sure. They arrested over 400 of us recently and could only find eleven who might possibly be eligible for deportation. Maybe if we shifted the membership of the American Legion we would find the so-called "alien invasion" was in their own ranks.

Americanism, according to the Legion, is loyalty to your boss. If the boss don't like your looks he can fire you in a minute. If you kick about it, you are a "foreigner."

Communism is the exact reverse. Under Communism the boss has to be loyal to the workers. If they catch him loafing on the job or dipping into the till, they can fire him and elect a new boss out of their own ranks.

The Legionnaires aren't the only ones who don't like Communism. Candidate for Governor John R. Quinn recently perpetrated the vilest insult that was ever leveled against us. He accused Upton Sinclair of being a Communist.

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A comrade in Berkeley was in a sick-bed, under doctor's orders to stay there. But when his bundle of papers came he got up and covered his Western Worker route, many times until he found the customer at home. He kept it up—every issue—until it was a physical impossibility to get out of bed. For various reasons his customers had failed to subscribe. In desperation, when the comrade brought in 15 subscriptions in two weeks.

He's what you'd call a shock brigadier in the Western Worker Army.

Los Angeles has increased its bundle order by 250 copies.

And in spite of the extreme terror in Richmond, Calif., the com-

Sinclair Joins Bosses In Attack On Communist Party

Refuses To Back Strikers, Shouts "Violence!"

"WE WANT 'AMERICAN' METHODS," HE ECHOES THE SHIPOWNERS

Asked by the DAILY WORKER to explain his position in regard to the reign of fascist terror executed by the San Francisco industrialists during the General Strike, Upton Sinclair, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, replied: "I encounter difficulties in defending the rights of Communists who themselves repudiate freedom of speech, press and assembly and do everything they can to deprive others of those rights." Thus Sinclair justifies violence against working class organizations by resorting to the slander which parallels the provocative capitalist newspaper editorials.

Sinclair cashed in on the opportunity to win boss favor by issuing statements to the capitalist press attacking Communism and supporting their drive of vicious slander against the striking unions. When the police and gangsters were smashing workers' halls, slugging and arresting workers on false charges of vagrancy, Sinclair jumped on the bandwagon and joined in the attack.

In his letter to the DAILY WORKER, Sinclair devotes all attention to attacking the Communist Party and seeks to hold them responsible for the violence of the bosses. He states: "By resorting to methods of dictatorship, you inevitably give impulse to fascism, lend power to the reactionary capitalist exploiters and bring down a storm of popular rage upon your own heads, and make it impossible for friends of the workers to help them or you."

He concludes with: "American conditions require American thinking and American methods of action. First and foremost of these is insistence upon democratic methods in bringing about our necessary social changes."

This is the voice of social-fascism calling upon the workers to cease their struggle, discard their strength and deliver themselves, actually bound over to the bosses. All workers have just seen what this boss "Americanism" means in California.

Jail 3 Workers In Bakersfield As Vags for Speaking

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Aug. 12.—Despite permission granted for the Communist Party to hold regular weekly meetings in the City Hall Park here, the police have tried to stop the meetings by arresting the speakers on framed charges of vagrancy.

The first meeting was scheduled for Wednesday evening, Aug. 8, but before it started two comrades, Raoul Cordova and Harris, were jailed as vags. Comrade Scott carried on the meeting without them and the next day he, too, was jailed on the same charge.

At the hearing all three pleaded "Not guilty" and demanded separate jury trials. All three are being held on bail of \$1,000 cash each and trials are set as follows: Harris for Aug. 31, Cordova Sept. 4, and Scott Sept. 5. In the meantime they have practically been sentenced to two weeks without trial by this setting of exorbitant bail.

rades there have not cut their bundle. This is real Bolshevism in that battalion.

Two of the "lost battalions" are back on the job. Eastside, Ore., and San Bernardino had their bundles stopped for not paying their bills. Eastside got all turned up, paid over the bill, showed us where we were partly to blame and demanded their bundle. The San Bernardino battalion sent in nearly a dozen subs, paid most of their bill, sent a \$10 donation, paid \$6 in advance for a special bundle—and more power to you, San Bernardino. Can you send in ten more subs?

The Arizona section has sent in three subs, but forgot to send the money. Another bundle of 10 has been ordered from Arizona, by the way.

The Western Worker isn't a private business or a separate activity. It is the fighting organ of the workers and farmers, and should go into the workers' organizations. How can you effectively reach their homes and their meetings?

On the other hand, Nampa, Idaho, is taking a bundle of 10 and threatening to take more as they go forward with their organizational work.

Communists Painting Berlin With Anti-Nazi Slogans

HITLER'S RUBBER-STAMP POLL MEETS STRONG OPPOSITION

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—Evidence of the tremendous organized strength of the German Communist Party is the flood of defiant anti-Nazi propaganda that is sweeping through Germany prior to the elections which Nazis hope will rubber-stamp an "O.K." to Hitler's assumption of absolute dictatorship. Risking torture and death, the Communist Party, aided by militant Socialists, have spread painted slogans on walls and sidewalks, distributed scores of thousands of leaflets, stamped slogans in telephone books and carried on the most militant campaign that Germany has seen since the bloody rise of Hitler. All over Berlin and in other cities these slogans appeared. Workers are called to defy the efforts of Hitler to browbeat Germany into voting for the dictatorship by threats of violence.

Elections in factory councils about three months ago revealed a powerful opposition to Hitler, many factories condemning the Nazis by an overwhelming vote. Among the Nazi Storm Troopers, whose loyalty to Hitler has been melting away as the crisis in Germany grows steadily worse and promises are not kept, a campaign of propaganda has been going on steadily during the past year. The position of the Communist Party is increasing in strength, solidly organized on an underground basis, and strengthened by hundreds of thousands of workers who were betrayed by Social-Democratic "leadership."

Vote COMMUNIST

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nationally known figures who have endorsed Gallagher's candidacy. But even more impressive to the workers of this state is his long record of defending class war prisoners and the fact that his planned tour of the state was called off while he has been busy every day and night in defense cases in San Francisco. The great victory he won for Louise Todd and Ida Rothstein, the first breaking-through against the framing of workers on vagrancy charges, is felt to be a turning point in the fight for the rights of the workers.

Saturday night, at 1223 Fillmore street, a big Leo Gallagher meeting is being held to raise money for the campaign and particularly for radio broadcasts. All workers and sympathizers in San Francisco are urged to come and give their support to this campaign.

★ Sinclair Attack.

Though Upton Sinclair broke his silence on the police attacks during the marine and general strikes only long enough to join the bosses in laying blame on the Communists, he continues angling to try to swing the working class vote to himself. Taking a leaf from the boss strategy, his campaign is following the line that the Communists have no chance, anyway, and that the best way for workers to fight against capitalism is to vote for him. The fact that he has said or done nothing in the light of the workers' free speech, refused to back their general strike, and the open shop and for the right to organize into unions of their own choosing, and has not lifted a finger or said a word to aid the defense of the workers arrested in that fight, however, has shown the workers they have nothing to expect from him. He is trying now to capitalize on the great reaction of the liberal class against the fascist terror and swing it to his advantage by joining the bosses in false accusations against the Communists and in shouting "Americanism" as a means of trying to confuse them into thinking he is really for the workers.

But workers everywhere are seeing despite the terrorism against the Communist Party that they are the only ones who prove in struggle that they are fighting for the workers, and the biggest Communist poll yet is expected.

BLACK JAILED

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Black defendant herself in court and ably brought out the rawness of the frame-up and the fact that she was on trial purely and simply as being a Communist. Appeal will be carried to a higher court. Bail pending the appeal was set at \$1,000 cash, and Judge Ames refused to lower it.

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THE NATIONAL STRIKE FRONT

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Three workers arrested in connection with the relief strike in DES MOINES, IOWA, charged with CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM and held at \$5,000 bail, are on HUNGER STRIKE.

TWO THOUSAND FISHERMEN are still out in ANACORTES, WASH., under rank and file leadership. Six large canneries are out in sympathy, and long-shoremen refuse to load salmon cases.

A peaceful demonstration of 3,000 STRIKING WORKERS in front of the T. E. BROOKS CIGAR PLANT in NEW YORK was attacked by police with tear gas and clubs. Fifty-five were arrested. Two have been charged with rioting and attacking an officer.

SOUTH BEND, IND., TAXICAB DRIVERS are on strike. Recognition of the union is a major demand.

More than 3,000 JEWISH PEOPLE in CLEVELAND, OHIO, are on a BREAD STRIKE demanding reduction in the price of loaves.

Workers on F.E.R.A. PROJECTS in GALLUP AND ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., are on strike against starvation wages.

Workers of the AMERICAN DISTILLERY CO. PLANT in PEKIN, ILL., are maintaining their strike in the face of bloody police attacks on their picket lines.

THE MASS STRIKE in the LEATHERGOODS INDUSTRY in PHILADELPHIA faces a sell-out at the hands of A. F. of L. officials who have maneuvered to bring control into the rank and file strike committee.

Strikes continue to beat like an angry surf against the rotten piles of capitalism. They are spread over the U. S. in such numbers that a complete list would fill a book. With a serious food shortage arising from the drought, with the recent silver inflation policies of Roosevelt added to the already deepening crisis of capitalism, the workers face a winter of rising prices and diminishing wages. The strike weapon is their only weapon against wage-cuts, speed-ups and lay-offs. The winter promises to be one of greater strike struggles than America has ever seen before. The strong movement toward rank-and-file control and away from the boss-dominated A. F. of L. is evidence of the knowledge gained by workers out of bitter experience. As the lies and hypocrites of the ruling capitalist class become more glaring daily and the breakdown of capitalist government more apparent, the workers are strengthening their own power in the struggle for wages and relief under the leadership of the Communist Party. Communist Party leadership means rank-and-file leadership by the most advanced section of the working class.

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INDICTMENTS

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ism law, as well as to try to take the Party off the ballot. Ever since the Party won its position as a legally recognized political party in this state as the result of a long, intensive campaign by thousands of workers, various efforts have been threatened to take it off, and now as a result of the attacks during and following the general strike, this new attack is begun.

Comrade Whitney, veteran of thirty years in the ranks of the workers' fight, is well known by the working class all over the world for the attempt to frame her on criminal syndicalism charges at the height of the red scare following the war and before workers of California, particularly by the Negro workers in the East Bay Section, for her long fight in their behalf. Louise Todd, State Election Campaign Manager, was yesterday acquitted by a jury on trumped-up charges of vagrancy.

★ See Defense Committee.

Intimidation of other workers who collected signatures on the petitions is to be expected and all workers molested by police in this attempt are again urged to first get in touch with the Emergency Defense Committee, 1005 Market street, and are warned not to sign anything, as a signature forced from one collector, Joseph Kahn, to a document, was used as the basis for the police charges to the Grand Jury.

The attempt to take the Party off the ballot will be met with the strongest mass fight and these framed-up charges fought out to a finish, as any convictions in this case will then be used as a basis for a further move to declare the whole signature campaign fraudulent.

FASCISTS RULE CALIF. LEGION CONVENTION

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chine-gunned through with no time given for a vote or discussion on most of them.

★ Lid Blows Off.

Nevertheless, a fight over the Child Welfare \$100,000 fund which comes from the \$5,000,000 endowment got on the floor and proved very distasteful to the machine. The resolution called for a \$150-per-month trained child welfare worker.

Tom Cavett of Los Angeles jumped to his feet and declared that it was a "move of bloated plutocrats who ride around in trains at the expense of the children."

"Eight or nine years ago," he said, "the Legion in a national drive for a child welfare endowment, raised five million dollars. In California alone, \$425,000 was raised. That fund has since become a trough wherein Legion politicians have fattened themselves at the expense of children who needed the money for milk and other necessities. In the first year, \$100,000 of the fund was spent. Of it, \$27,000 went to children and the rest to fill the bellies of politicians who robbed the children for their own needs. Ever since, various departments of the Legion have been the target of bribe attempts from the fund."

By an oral vote even Chailaux was forced to call the resolution defeated. But a roll call was demanded and then many who opposed it were afraid to show their opposition to those who crack the whip. So the resolution for the \$150 job, carried by a small margin. This was the closest that the committee got to considering any veterans' questions.

Adding his voice to all the rest of the champions against the "red menace" was Paul Sharenberg, secretary of the State Federation of Labor. In his speech he informed the delegates that "any employer who does not recognize the rights of labor is in the same class as Communists." He and O'Connell, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, have been co-operating with the Legion convention. O'Connell and Casey are based on the local Legion's special anti-Red "Citizens' Committee," which includes representatives of every strike-breaking agency in the city.

Closson, the new department commander, is a leader of the Lodi vigilantes. The latest move of his outfit there is to build a stockade in which as many as 700 strikers could be imprisoned, in case last year's strike is repeated. Among the resolutions that passed were: Rescinding recognition of the Soviet Union; establishment of federal labor camps on deserts or an island somewhere off-coast, as in Alaska, for such foreign-born as are waiting to be deported; removal of "radicals" off relief rolls; no citizenship to Communists; urging Bar associations to investigate incomes of attorneys defending Communists; appointment of special anti-radical commission of the Legion; no home loans to non-citizens; more funds for State Department of Criminal Identification for anti-Red work; deportation of all "aliens" who are on relief, exempting only 60-year-old people; keep Orientals out; employment to "aliens" on public projects to be 5 per cent of the total; that the Legion be given responsibility for keeping Communists out of CCC camps; registration and fingerprinting of all persons in the U. S., each to carry a passport.

If there is any reactionary measure which the convention overlooked, it was only because the machine men were too drunk. A number of progressive-minded delegates, speaking to the Western Worker representative, stated that the convention is over, but in the posts the fun will only begin.

★ Few Workers There.

"You see," said one, "very few workmen get through to this kind of a thing. The majority here are politicians and business people, especially of the smaller towns. Those of us who are union men, or are not ashamed to admit that we work for a living, are looked upon like a stableman in a rich man's parlor."

Then proceeding he asked, "Say, how is this Ex-Servicemen's Association League or whatever you call it now getting along?" He was interested in the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League and expressed the opinion that many in the Legion are just on edge to get into something real and, "I think this convention will just about decide things for them."

NEW LITERATURE AND PAMPHLETS

Despite the difficulties under which we have had to work, the Workers' Bookshop is able to supply new pamphlets and current periodicals as well as all the usual list.

We still have some copies of the July "Communist" containing some fine strike articles, especially the article on the West Coast Maritime Strike by Sam Darcy. "The Communist" for August, price 20 cents. Contains more strike articles and some splendid excerpts from the writings of Lenin on Social-Democracy in Europe.

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SACRAMENTO

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Lee Hung, A. G. Ford, Luther Muncy, W. H. Huffine, Harry J. Gallant, Mike Plesh, John Fisher and Nora Conklin.

Comrade Conklin is at present serving a three-months' term for leading a relief demonstration, while all the others are now on trial. They are to be tried on the C. S. charges regardless of the outcome of the present vagrancy frame-up trials.

The move is the most sweeping attempt in recent years to railroad a number of workers under the notorious C. S. law. If convictions are put through the same action is to be expected in other cities, and the Emergency Defense Committee is calling on all workers and organizations throughout the West to immediately send protests to Governor Merriam and District Attorney Neil McAllister.

The charges specify that the 24 "incited and advocated criminal syndicalism as a means of accomplishing by force and violence a change in industrial ownership, control and political changes," that they "attempted to justify criminal syndicalism through the publishing of documents and pamphlets advocating terrorism and sabotage" and that all are members of one or more of the organizations which McAllister claims are subsidiaries of the Communist Party. Such interpretation, based on speeches at open forums, meetings, leaflets, and literature sold, if successful, would be used for suppression of workers' meetings and all forms of mass activity.

But why don't you fellows let all people know where you meet? When told of the smashing of W.E.S.L. headquarters, and arrests, he launched into an unprintable barrage.

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today he would give California (as an example) it is the duty of the people to overthrow it. Similar expressions could be found in the speeches and writings of Lincoln and others.

Likewise the term "revolution" sounds foreign only to those who know nothing of the history of the U. S., who do not know that it took two revolutions to free the U. S. from the English king, and later from the Southern landlords.

Now, with everything in the grip of a handful of multimillionaires who robbed the people of the country they built up, and now starve the vast majority, there is still another revolution necessary to complete the job of becoming a really free people. A matter of fact, the "New Dealers" have been using the term "revolution" for their pro-boss program.

What we often fail to point out, however, in using such expressions, is that Communists maintain that a majority of the working class must be won for a successful revolution. Likewise it is not the workers who are inviting violence but the capitalists and their government. There has been more blood spilled since Roosevelt took power, than in a first-class revolution. Yet all the workers ask is a little more bread, and the right to organize. The Communists are not adverse to using every opportunity that the present order may offer, but we warn rulers will give up without a violent struggle.

Finally, a review of our popular literature will show that these terms are really not used very much. Many think so because they get such impression from the capitalist press. No matter how we would tone down our expressions, Hearst would still give us horns and say that we are out to destroy and dynamite everything under the sun.

H. & F. Z. of Berkeley, in congratulating us for getting the Western Worker out despite the terror, ask if it would not be more practical if in our literature, the frequently used expression "overthrow of the capitalist system" should be replaced by such as "rebuilding of human society."

The expression "overthrow" and "revolution" was good enough for the founders of this country and ought to be good enough for us. In last week's editorial on the front page we quote Jefferson on that very point. He states that when a government takes on despotic forms (and if he were alive

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